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DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS

1. LACK OF SUFFICIENT ADVANCE INFORMATION THAT (285C) WAS IN 70MM FORMAT USING DELTA II (112B) CAMERA CONFIGURATION OCCASIONED CERTAIN PROCESSING PROBLEMS:

A. WE HAD NOT WORKED TYPE 8430 AT 70MM IN OUR PROCESSORS PREVIOUSLY. WE ENCOUNTERED CERTAIN CHEMISTRY PROBLEMS BECAUSE THE ESTABLISHED FORMULAR WERE NOT PROPER AND REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE MODIFICATION.

B. INDIVIDUAL FRAMES HAD NO DATA CHAMBER OR NUMBERING SEQUENCE WHICH COULD BE ANALYZED HERE. AS A RESULT WE HAD TO ARBITRARILY NUMBER THE DUPE POS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER BEFORE WE COULD EFFECT OUR ROUTE SEARCH. (NOTE: IF EDITING DUE TO HOST OR FRIENDLY COUNTRY COVERAGE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED NECESSARY, RRENUMBERING WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED.)

C. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO FOLLOW THE TITLING INSTRUCTIONS

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BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF CHARACTERS REQUIRED A SINGLE TITLING HEAD ON THE DUAL HEAD BLAKETRON WOULD NOT HOLD ALL CHARACTERS IN 12 POINT TYPE.

D. TWO OF OUR RECENTLY RECEIVED BLAKETRON TITLERS HAD TO BE DRILLED AND TAPPED TO ACCEPT THE TWO ADDITIONAL 70 MM CONVERTER ROLLERS. THEY HAD COME FROM MANUFACTURER SET UP FOR 9 1/2 INCH ONLY AND HAD ONLY ONE 70MM ROLLER WHICH DID NOT PERMIT ACCURATE TRACKING.

E. ONE CLEANER WAXER CONSTANTLY PRESENTED TRACKING PROBLEMS DUE TO POOR DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS OF 70MM CONVERSION SPINDLE.

2. FOR BUDGETARY AND SUPPLY PURPOSES REQUEST WE BE ADVISED IF IT IS PLANNED TO UTILIZE THE 70MM FORMAT FREQUENTLY IN FUTURE MISSIONS. WILL THE 9 1/2 INCH FORMAT BE PHASED OUT AND IF SO, WHEN? CONTINUED USE OF 70MM WILL ALSO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR PROGRAM TO ACQUIRE PHOTO INTERPRETATION READ-OUT EQUIPMENT AND RECTIFICATION TRANSFORMATION DEVICES.

3. NO TRACKER FILM RECEIVED WITH THIS MISSION. CAN WE ASSUME THAT NORMALLY WE WILL NOT RECEIVE TRACKER?

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